



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2018-0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **Supplementary Information**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by (PLEASE INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM PUBLISHED DATE).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2018-0001 by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chris Jaeschke, 703-404-6306, Planning and Programming (HFPP-15), Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, Federal Highway

Administration, Department of Transportation, 21400 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166.

Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: “Right-of-Way Cost Estimation Processes; State of the Practice”.

Government agencies that acquire real property for a Federal-aid highway program typically consider the cost of many alternatives for a potential project. As a part of this consideration, estimates of the cost of right-of-way needed for potential highway alignments must be determined and documented. Agencies may use several different methods to determine the estimate and document these costs. The methods range from a process using only paper and pencil, all the way to a process utilizing Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and electronic data capture methods. The electronic methods presumably include an electronic calculation method which tabulates and calculates total costs, area to be acquired, and the numbers of relocations of residential and business property owners and tenants. Utilizing the paper-based method necessarily requires manual collection, organization and calculation which are likely expensive and inefficient, both in terms of dedicated staff time and dollars spent.

Respondents: Each State DOT will be asked to respond, as well as a limited number (5-10) of local government agencies that have large and complex transportation programs. Each invited agency will be asked to respond to a one-time survey containing questions about the agency’s ROW cost estimation process and management.

Frequency: There will be one survey only.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 8-16 person-hours to fully and accurately respond to the survey, depending on the size and complexity of an individual agency’s transportation program.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 900 hours. (This is the estimated total burden, for approximately 60 State and local government transportation agencies to respond to a

single survey).

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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